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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 June 2001.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 13-18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kuroda (US6311011).

Regarding claims 1 and 7, Kuroda shows in fig.2 a television signal receiver connected to a plurality of recording apparatuses comprising:

An input unit to input program data is shown as a tuner (102) in fig.2 (col.4 ll.18-24)

An identification unit adapted to identify a group to which the program data belongs shown as a program information receiver (101) whereby information regarding the type of program is received since a preview of the program is received, start and stop times and other identifying information (col.4 ll.12-17)

A selection unit to select a recording apparatuses from a plurality of recording apparatuses is shown in fig.3 where the user can select a storage device and based on the capacity of the device the program will be recorded to that device or be directed to another device (col.5 ll.25-67)

An output unit to output the program data (is shown in fig.2 as a display (106)

Regarding claims 2 and 8, fig.2 shows that the television receiver is externally connected to the recording apparatuses by a bus (107)

Regarding claims 3-4 and 9-10, Kuroda shows an allocation unit is shown in fi.3 at S110 where a group item is allocated to a recording apparatus where the user can decide or manually choose which recording apparatus will record which type of program (col.5 ll.53-60)

Regarding claims 5 and 11, Kuroda shows a discrimination unit in fig.3 where it id determined if there is enough capacity on a selected recording device and if not a different type of device is chosen onto which a different type of recording medium is used, such as a video cassette in a VCR or a digital video disk in DVD player (col.4 ll.38-40)

Regarding claims 6 and 12, fig.1 shows that the group is a genre of programming i.e. news movie or documentary, which is based on EPG data (col.3 ll.14-15)


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alicia M Duggins whose telephone number is (703) 305-5621. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Faile can be reached on (703) 305-4380. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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